



Medicaid in Schools

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- **NEW Tool Kit Update**
- **Technical Assistance for Medicaid-participating Schools**
- **Dr. Bennett speaks at Back-to-School Event**

Check It Out Online!
Most recent Medicaid
-Tool Kit: Aug. 2010
-Billing Guide: Oct. 2010
-IEP Reimbursements
Report-SFY10: July 2010

Coming Soon...

***Medicaid in Schools Learning Connection Community**
***Medicaid billing instructions for IEP Nursing Services provided by an R.N.**

School Medicaid Participation Up 55%

The number of Indiana public school corporations claiming Medicaid reimbursement for IEP (Individualized Education Program) services jumped from 71 in State Fiscal Year 2009 to 110 in SFY 2010. Factors possibly contributing to this 55% increase in Medicaid participation include the anticipated addition of Nursing (R.N.) Care to the list of Medicaid covered IEP services and tightening budgets in tough economic times.

Increased Medicaid participation in the last half of State Fiscal Year 2010 resulted in a one million dollar increase in the total

annual Medicaid payments to Indiana school districts last year.

In the last two years, Medicaid-participating school corporations claimed the available reimbursement for Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapies, Audiology and Psych services required by student IEPs. Reimbursement amounts ranged from \$17 to \$107 per service, and individual districts' annual receipts varied from under \$1000 to over \$600,000 based on changing numbers of eligible students and the types of IEP services provided to the students each district served.

Superintendent's Mail – July 09, 2010

MEMORANDUM: [Introducing the Medicaid in Schools Newsletter](#)
 IDOE is pleased to announce the inaugural issue of the "Medicaid in Schools Newsletter" <http://www.doe.in.gov/exceptional/speced/docs/MS2010-01.pdf>.

Tips on Records Retention

Documentation to support Medicaid claims includes many of the same records already maintained by school corporations and special education cooperatives, such as evaluations, signed consent forms, licenses, service referrals, attendance records, Individualized Education Programs and Individualized Healthcare Programs. Although the same records can serve as documentation for both purposes, it is important to recognize that public records retention requirements for Medicaid and Special Education differ. Special

Ed records must be retained for 3 years after the student exits school; Medicaid records must be retained for 7 years from the date the Medicaid service was provided and must be available to government auditors upon request. See the *Medicaid Billing Tool Kit* and *Medicaid Billing Guide* Table of Contents to locate more information on documentation requirements and records retention. Both publications are available online at <http://www.doe.in.gov/exceptional/speced/medicaid.html>.

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Did you know?

- In 2009-2010, 110 Indiana school corporations claimed nearly \$4 million in Medicaid payments for covered IEP services.
- Reimbursements for Speech Language and Hearing Services make up 75% of Indiana schools' total annual Medicaid receipts.
- Sample 'Parental Consent to Bill Medicaid' forms are available online?

In future issues:

Parental Consent to Bill Medicaid

HIPAA and FERPA

Things to Consider when Hiring a Biller



“Healthy students come to the classroom ready to learn”



Covering Kids & Families Back-to-School Event

Covering Kids & Families of Indiana (CKF-IN) held its 8th Annual Back to School Kickoff at the Indiana Statehouse July 21, 2010. Guest speakers included Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett, State Medicaid Director Pat Casanova and Lake Ridge Schools Superintendent Dr. Sharon Johnson-Shirley.

“Healthy students come to the classroom ready to learn,” Dr. Bennett told the audience at this year’s CKF-IN media event. “Our job at the Indiana Department of

Education is to ensure every student is given the high quality education they deserve. For this reason, it is crucial we work with community partners like Covering Kids & Families of Indiana to ensure each Hoosier child receives the health care they need, allowing them to focus on learning when they are in the classroom.” Each year the IDOE helps connect eligible children to health care coverage through free and reduced-price school lunch program referrals.

A photo gallery of the Back-to-School Kickoff and more information about CKF-IN are available online at <http://ckfindiana.org/>.

Following the Back to School Kickoff event, CKF-IN hosted the first annual conference of the recently established Indiana School Health Network. More information about the Indiana School Health Network and its membership is available at the ISHN Web site at <http://www.inschoolhealth.org/>.

August 2010 Medicaid Billing Tool Kit Update

Now in its Seventh Edition, the *Medicaid Billing Tool Kit* was recently updated to give school staff, administrators and contractors current information and helpful resources to access the federal Medi-

caid funds available for covered IEP services. View the entire Tool Kit at the link on IDOE’s Medicaid Web page <http://www.doe.in.gov/exceptional/speced/medicaid.html>.

To download, print and substitute just the updated pages into a paper copy of this manual, click on the 8-3-2010 “[Update Log and Updated Pages only](#)” and follow the Update Log instructions.



Medicaid Questions? Need Info? IDOE Staff Can Help

Curious whether Medicaid claiming would benefit your district or Special Ed Co-op? Need help understanding Medicaid coverage policy, service provider qualifications or reimbursements for IEP services? Indiana Department of Education staff are available to answer questions, provide additional resources and facilitate coordination with billing agents or the Medicaid agency to clarify Medicaid claiming issues.

IDOE staff regularly respond to inquiries from special ed directors, school nurses,

therapists, treasurers, business managers and district superintendents on topics ranging from who can provide Medicaid speech therapy services to how districts may use the Medicaid funds they receive (answer: any way they choose).

Whether you want to e-mail or fax a list of questions from related services staff, call to quiz an expert about Medicaid policy for school-based services, or schedule an on-site meeting or training, DOE School-based Medicaid Specialist Tracy Brunner and

Medicaid Liaison John Hill are available to help Indiana local education agencies navigate Medicaid claiming for Special Education services. Both are active in the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education, working with school-based Medicaid program administrators from Alaska to Florida on best practices and policies impacting federal funding for Medicaid-covered services in the school setting.

See Page 3 of this issue for contact information and links to helpful reference resources on the World Wide Web.

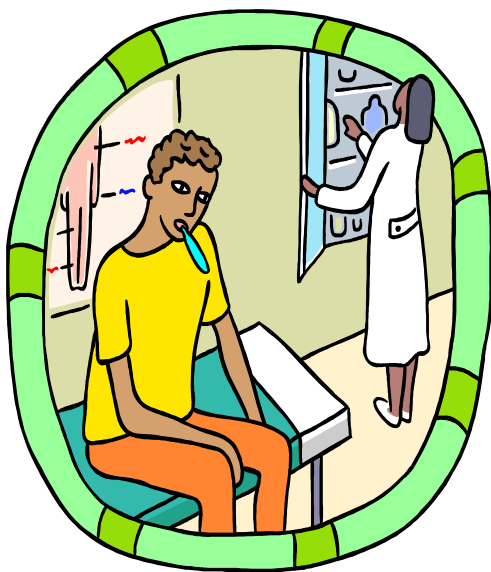


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The Indiana Department of Education provides technical assistance to Medicaid-participating school corporations, charters and state-operated schools. The Department also offers insight and information to schools interested to learn more about Medicaid claiming possibilities. Please visit the Department's Web site for free, downloadable manuals, brochures, form templates, reports, newsletter archive and other helpful information. At left is a link to IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web page, along with contact information for IDOE staff who can answer your questions and provide additional information about federal Medicaid matching funds available for school-based services.



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Conference Connections — Medicaid & Special Education

Fall 2010 Special Ed Directors, ICASE
— Sept 29-Oct 1, Indpls Marriott East
<http://www.icaso.org/>

Fall 2010 School Psychologists, IASP
— Oct 12-14, Indpls Omni Severin
<http://iasponline.ning.com/>

**Fall 2010 State & Local School-based
Medicaid Program Administrators,
NAME — Sept 21-24, Williamsburg
Lodge, Colonial Williamsburg, VA**
<http://medicaidforeducation.org/>

Across the Nation

New Federal Initiative to Get Kids Covered - Noting that "Healthy kids do better in school and in life because they are able to participate fully in activities that develop their bodies and their minds," U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, DHHS, Secretary Kathleen Sebelius recently called on schools, healthcare professionals, community leaders and others who work with children to find and help enroll the nearly five million uninsured children in the United States who are currently eligible for Medicaid or their State Children's Health Insurance Program. [Indiana uses the term "Hoosier Healthwise" to refer to both of these public health coverage programs for children.] Sebelius said, "Even as we move forward with health insurance reform for all Americans, we must not lose our momentum to insure kids now."

As part of the DHHS initiative, an August 4, 2010 press release from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") announced the **Get Covered. Get in the Game** campaign to bring together coaches, schools and commu-

nities to educate families about health coverage programs currently available for children. For more information call 1-877-KIDS-NOW or visit the Insure Kids Now Web site, which offers materials for coaches, teachers and parents: <http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/>.

Biennial National Survey: School-based Medicaid Claiming - The National Alliance for Medicaid in Education, Inc. (NAME) conducted its biennial survey of all school-based Medicaid claiming programs in 2009, and is preparing a preliminary report for presentation at the 2010 NAME Conference in Williamsburg, VA, September 21-24. Thirty-five states responded to the 2009 survey. The final report, including trend data from prior national surveys, will be available to NAME members later this year.

Institute of Education Sciences - The 2010 Childstats report offers multiple tables and charts describing the well-being of U.S. children with regard to education, health, economic circumstances, physical environment and other indicators. View or download information available online at <http://childstats.gov/>.